

Transportation/Public Works Committee Meeting
Wednesday, April 21, 2010
3:03 P.M.
Third Floor, City Hall

Present: Chair: CW Hamilton
Members: CM Benson, CW Ward-Pugh, CM Unseld, CM Engel, and CM Johnson (arrived at 3:10pm- left 3:28)

Absent: CM Peden - Excused

Also Present: CW Welch, CM Henderson, CM Fleming, CW Woolridge

Chairwoman Hamilton began the meeting by announcing the members of the committee that were present. A quorum was established.

Special Items for Discussion

STIMULUS PROJECTS – Rick Johnstone, Director of Louisville at Work, Susan Neumayer, Daro Mott, Kim Allen and Luke Fuller were present.

The following was discussed:

PowerPoint presentation highlighted background of Stimulus funds and website information (PowerPoint attached)

- Federal Government signed bill for \$787 billion to be used over a 28 month period
- Total dollars for Louisville - \$458 million – 95% allocated
- Electronic health records a focus; announced by KY governor on 4-20-10
- Weatherization – a complete redo of existing homes – making them energy efficient
- Infrastructure focus
- Education Focus
- Transparency a focus for the website- www.louisvilleky.gov click on Louisville at Work
- Now working on competitive grants in all areas
- Each area has project tracker
- New partnership with Lojic and IT – Stars on website represent a project- Blue stars - completed
- Contractors, neighborhoods identified

Education benefits: #134 million

Pell Grants increased for students - \$21 million
Working with UL and JCPS
Total of \$134 million in educational benefits
800 teachers remained on job; bus drivers employed

Transportation and Infrastructure: \$78 million

Probably most visible aspect
Curbs, sidewalk repair and replacement identified by council members in their districts- 2500 projects
State and city are partnering on this due to environmental impact studies requirement. All projects moved to state
authority which guarantees payments
KIPDA is in charge of the process which added 2-3 months but they are on top of the projects
Contracts will be awarded and work begun just after Derby.
Sidewalks must be ADA compliant

TARC allocated \$19 million; bought 7 hybrid buses; upgraded facilities; built new maintenance facility
UL Overpass construction highlighted - \$77 million spent

Health and Wellness: \$84 million

Medicaid received the bulk of these funds \$72 million
Upgraded technology – health care network
Window replacement-Family Health Centers
Immunization and Wellness efforts
Doctors and dentists added to caregivers

Public & Affordable Housing - \$44 million

\$14 million to Beecher Terrace, Parkway Place, Iroquois Homes- demolition
550 apartments upgraded
Rental Assistance for Section 8 - \$11 million
Weatherization projects
Refurbishing Homes - \$1.3 million for 3 years

Water & Flood Protection -\$9 million

EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) very pleased with water projects
\$4 million in the “Western Flood Pumping Station”
EPA enthusiastically supports Regionalization efforts

Economic Development and Energy Efficiency - \$19 million

Energy efficient street lights – remote park areas will have solar lights
Arena lighting on Main Street
Loan programs to small businesses
\$28 million in contracts to local businesses
CDBG Grant of \$3 million imminent
Clean Diesel Funding in place
Traffic synchronization “brain” done by end of the year
Includes Tugs on the river
Working on Air Quality Standards

Social Services and Homeless Prevention - \$11 million

Shelter program receiving \$4+ million for 3 years
KY Hearth rental assistance/Dare to Care
Aging Population assistance

Workforce Training - \$9 Million

Summer youth employment - \$1.4 million
Dislocated workers training - \$3 million
Students receive \$4000 over two years for dislocated worker training
Michael Gritton – Workforce Investment Department work on one stops and all phases

Public Protection - \$10 million

Day Reporting Center – inmates released and stay in homes, report everyday
E-subpoena & Court Notification technology in place
Fire station at Ashland renovated – saved historical structure – ribbon cutting before end of year

ETC - \$56 million

SBA Recovery Loans \$28 million to Louisville business

Recovery contracts \$28

Multiple tax credits to citizens, social security, new homeowner Cobra, vehicle sales – not calculated

JOBS CREATED:

Calculation is rather skewed

1152 jobs created – does not reflect accurate number employed

Two jobs may be combined to equal 40 hours.

500 youth helped last year; may not use more money but hopeful grants can employ 1000 youth this summer

16,000 households impacted since stimulus added to community

CW Hamilton thanked Mr. Johnstone and his department for the thorough update. New report due April 20 which will reflect January – March quarter.

Pending Legislation

R-94-04-10 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR'S SIGNATURE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET CONCERNING A \$300,000.00 GRANT FOR A US 42 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

Status: In-Committee
Committee: Transportation/Public Works
Primary Sponsor: Kenneth C. Fleming

Motion to approve made by Tina Ward-Pugh and seconded by Stuart Benson.

Discussion:

CM Fleming spoke to the item. This is an agreement between the state and Metro in the amount of \$300,000 which will improve the area between Country Lane and Mockingbird Valley on US 42 (Brownsboro Road). It is a 2 year endeavor that will put in turning lanes, maps, landscaping, sidewalks and address safety issues that will result in a pedestrian friendly project.

CW Ward-Pugh worked with the Bauer Family (Azalea Property) to put a protected lane in next to Mockingbird Valley subdivision. Her CIF account is contributing to this measure and she intends to request funds in the upcoming budget.

CM Engel requested an update on the Watterson/Westport Road project. It will have a ribbon cutting on Tuesday, April 27.

By unanimous voice vote, this item was approved and sent to the **Consent Calendar**.

Passed

For: 6; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0

For: Cheri Bryant Hamilton, George Unseld, Tina Ward-Pugh, Stuart Benson, Dan Johnson, Robin Engel

Against: (None)

Abstain: (None)

Absent: (None) James Peden

R-167-08-09 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR'S SIGNATURE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET CONCERNING A \$973,900.00 GRANT FOR A RIVER ROAD CORRIDOR BICYCLE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (STATE PO NUMBER PO2-628-0900022397). (Reintroduced 02/25/2010)

Status: In-Committee
Committee: Transportation/Public Works
Primary Sponsor: Tom Owen
Additional Sponsor: Kelly Downard

Discussion: This item remained **HELD** in Committee.

Motion to adjourn made by and seconded by.

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 3:59 p.m.

***NOTE: Items sent to the Consent Calendar or Old Business will be heard before the full Council at the Metro Council Meeting on April 27, 2010.**

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